

UNIVERSAL DESIGN

Background

Amend § 2509, Title 9 of the Delaware Code: Chapter 42 of Title 31

All Applications for public financial assistance to be used in the construction of **new** Dwelling Units shall include the extent of the proposed construction's use of the standards of Universal Design found in this Chapter. This Chapter does not apply to redevelopment or rehabilitation of existing structures to multi-family housing as defined by HUD.

Definitions

"Accessible Route" - Shall mean a continuous, unobstructed path that complies with §4204 of Title 9 of the code. With exception of ramped surfaces, all portions of an accessible route shall have a slope less than five percent (5%) parallel to frames, have cross slope of less than two percent (2%), and shall be at least 42 inches wide. An "accessible route" shall be free of any protruding object.

"Accessible Level" - Shall mean the first floor of the Dwelling Unit.

"Dwelling Unit" - Shall mean any single family residence and each individual living unit in a duplex or triplex, or semi-detached residential building which is constructed with public financial assistance.

Public Financial Assistance - Shall mean a building contract or similar contractual agreement with any state agency; any real estate received by the owner through a donation by the state; state tax credits; grant assistance from state funds; state loan guarantees, federal funds administered by the state, a state agency, local government or municipality; or funding by municipalities and other local governments or their agencies and instrumentalities. Grants and loans from public entities to individual homeowners does not apply.

"Point or Points" - Shall mean the amount of credit given out of a possible total of 40, for calculations, in application's Universal Design Standards compliance of this Chapter.